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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 65

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to legislation pend-
6 ing in Congress authorizing
7 compensation to the Yakutat
8 community of Tlingit Indians
9 for the extinction of their
10 original Indian title.

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

12 WHEREAS, it has been the traditional policy of the United
13 States to perfect its title to its public domain by purchase of
14 any outstanding original Indian title, or to provide for appro-
15 priate compensation to the Indians where land has been taken with-
16 out its full title having been so cleared; and

17 WHEREAS, the United States during the past ten years has
18 granted hundreds of oil and gas leases upon federally owned land
19 (outside the Tongass National Forest) in that coastal area of
20 Alaska which extends along the Gulf of Alaska from Cape Fair-
21 weather to the Copper River, without first having purchased the
22 original Indian title to said land; and

23 WHEREAS, under the provisions of a special jurisdictional
24 act, the Court of Claims on October 7, 1959, authorized further
25 proceedings for determination of compensation for the 1909 taking
26 by the United States of such part of the aforesaid coastal area
27 as lies within the boundaries of the Tongass National Forest,
28 there being, however, no statutory or other provision for compen-
29 sation for the more recent taking of the above-referenced part of
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